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SUBJ:RED:ESCAP:CARL FRISEN REPLACEMENT

REF: BANGKOK 18186

1. FORGET ABOUT CARL'S REPLACEMENT.
2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS INDICATED THIS WEEK THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO REPLACE FRISEN WITH A BANGLADESH POPULATION EXPERT (WHOSE NAME IS STILL UNKNOWN TO US). MARAMIS HOPED WE WOULD NOT BE UNHAPPY WITH THIS ACTION. HE CLAIMED HE HAS BEEN UNDER STEADY PRESSURE TO APPOINT OFFICIALS FROM WITHIN REGION.
3. WE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT US WOULD BE LOSING ITS ONLY DIVISION CHIEF POSITION BUT INDICATED WE UNDERSTOOD PRESSURE HE FACED. HE NOTED MORE AMERICANS ARE NOW BEING HIRED IN ESCAP AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO SECURE MORE AMERICANS AT DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF LEVELS. (NOTE: THERE IS BUT ONE DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF IN ESCAP AND HE IS AMERICAN.)
4. FRISEN SAYS HE WAS INFORMED OF HIS REPLACEMENT LAST WEEK BUT DID NOT LEARN NAME. HE REGRETS HIS OFFICE WAS UNABLE TO COME UP WITH AMERICAN CANDIDATES WHO COULD BE AVAILABLE. HE FEARS FOR MORALE IN HIS DIVISION. HE DOES NOT WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN A DEBATE OVER HIS REPLACEMENT.
5. COMMENT: WHILE WE SHARE VIEWS OF SOME POPULATION EXPERTS THAT BANGLADESH, GIVEN ITS OVERWHELMING POPULATION PROBLEMS, CANNOT AFFORD TO SPARE EVEN ONE EXPERT, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE WE

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COULD NOT HOLD DIVISION CHIEF POSITION FOREVER. IT IS REGRET-

TABLE CARL DECIDED TO RETIRE EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.
WE CAN'T BEAT SOMEBODY WITH NOBODY. WE NEVER SUBMITTED AMERICAN
CANDIDATES' NAMES TO ESCAP.

6. COMMENTS REQUESTED.
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